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Unemployment here at 30-year low

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Unemployment is at its lowest point in Granite City in 30 years, according to the latest statistics released by the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

The city's unemployment rate in December was reported at 5.9

percent — identical to the December 1994 figure. Those are the only two months in the past 30 years that unemployment has dropped below 6 percent in Granite City.

Mayor Ron Selph said the low jobless rate is a direct result of the work of his administration and the City Council.

"Right after I took office (in June

1993), I noted that our unemployment rate stood at 12.7 percent. That meant more than 2,000 people in Granite City were out of work and that wasn't acceptable," Selph said. "My office, the economic

development office and the City Council began an active campaign to put people back to work in Granite City."

Among the projects that helped curb the rising rate of joblessness were a tax increment finance agreement with American Steel that allowed the plant to re-open after a two-year, "temporary" shut down; a

TIF agreement with National Steel that paved the way for a new \$22 million coating line that added about 200 jobs; and the addition of I-Net and APAC to the community, Selph said.

"The latest government figures indicate that slightly over 300 people remain unemployed in Granite City." (See JOBS, Page 9A)



Selph

Firing stirs a fight 'Political vendetta' is alleged

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison Mayor John Bellico has fired a street department worker — the son of 2nd Ward Alderman Ralph W. Miller — ostensibly for stealing and then returning three cans of soda from City Hall.

The employee, Ralph T. "R.T." Miller, and Alderman Ron Grzywacz, chairman of the City Council's Street Committee, both say the firing was motivated by a "political vendetta."

But the soda theft — which R.T. Miller admitted and then repaid — may not be the complete reason for the firing. Miller was arrested Sunday and material in his possession sent to a crime lab for analysis, according to a police report.

Alderman Ralph W. Miller, a former Bellico ally, recently ran for precinct committeeman against Bellico and lost. Miller is supporting a party of candidates opposed to the one Bellico is supporting in the April 1 election.

"Just because the mayor don't like us anymore is no reason for him to fire me," R.T. Miller said Wednesday. "I used to respect the man. But not anymore. It's a free country and I'm entitled to support whoever I want."

R.T. Miller said he plans to file a grievance on the matter and attempt to get his job back.

Bellico told the City Council of the firing Tuesday night in a closed session. He confirmed the action Wednesday, but declined to comment further.

According to a letter from Street Superintendent Robert Robbins to R.T. Miller, the

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Competition — Amy Pennell of the Granite City High School Pom Pom Squad, at left, leads her group of girls in a contest against the kindergarten group to see who can cheer the loudest just prior to the final performance given for



parents at the annual pom clinic. At right, Kira Long found a convenient place to put her pom poms while practicing during rehearsal at the pom clinic. More photos on Page 5A.

Administrator gets 30-day suspension

The top administrator of the county's sewer district was suspended Tuesday for 30 days without pay for leaving the scene of an accident while driving a county vehicle.

Dan Stern, sewer district superintendent, has been charged with two misdemeanors in connection with the accident Jan. 20 in Granite City.

Stern was fingered as the alleged culprit in the crash after the license plate belonging to his county-owned pickup truck was found at the scene. Granite City police have said that Stern has admitted to the deed.

"The actions of Dan Stern after the accident are regrettable and are in violation of county policies concerning employee conduct and operation of county equipment," said County Board Chairman Rudy Papa in a prepared statement.

Papa and the County Board's sewer district committee held a hearing Tuesday afternoon, during which they questioned Stern about his actions. The accident occurred on a county

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Claims in school suit are called unfounded

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City school officials say claims by the mother of an 8-year-old student who was accidentally stabbed in the eye two years ago are unfounded.

The mother, Demetria Hudson of Pontoon Beach, is suing the school district, the board of education, Frohardt Elementary School, the classroom teacher and the boy who allegedly stabbed her son.

"It should take no one by surprise that attorneys representing this parent are asking for \$50,000 in damages," Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen said this week. "There is more at stake here than dollars and cents. The integrity of the district and a

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— Steve Balen
School superintendent

fine teacher has been compromised. This case will merit a staunch defense." The lawsuit alleges that the classroom was unsupervised on Jan. 24, 1995, when the boy, (See SUIT, Page 2A)

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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

Top Teen



Erin Tyler

Erin Tyler, a senior art student at Granite City High School, has been selected a finalist at the 19th annual Washington University High School Art Competition.

Only six finalists were chosen Feb. 2 from among submissions from all public and private high schools in the metropolitan area.

Finalists for the prestigious event are often offered scholarships to universities and art schools.

Tyler's work will be on display at Washington University's Bixby Hall until Feb. 20. GCHS art students Mike Ahlvers and Jeremy McKinney also participated in the art show.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Presentation — Niedringhaus Elementary School Principal Ellen Voyles receives a rose that first grader Amy Beyer had presented her during an assembly held to honor Voyles on her 50th birthday. More photos on Page 2A.

NEWS

Court: Wells' shoes fit in trial

Thirty-year-old bloodstained shoes found in Norval Wells' home after the 1967 shooting of Alton resident John Hale are admissible evidence in Wells' murder trial, an Illinois appellate court has ruled.

The ruling, handed down Friday by the Fifth District Appellate Court, overturns an order by the Third Judicial Circuit Court to suppress the evidence.

However, Wells' defense attorney has vowed to ask for a re-hearing on the matter and to take the ruling to the state Supreme Court, which will likely further delay the trial.

Wells, now 72, has been the primary suspect in the murder for 30 years. It wasn't until 1992 that police finally felt they had enough evidence to arrest him at his Colorado home.

Former Alton Police Chief John Light, now 63, conducted the search of Wells' home on Aug. 4, 1967. He said Tuesday night he was delighted with the ruling.

"Excellent! You bring me good news," Light told a reporter in a telephone interview from his home in Herrin, Ill.

Since 1992, the trial has become bogged down over problems relating to the length of time that has passed since the murder.

When Light searched Wells' home, the policeman found a pair of the suspect's shoes that reportedly had human blood in the eyelets. The shoes had recently been shined with a darker polish than the original leather.

But during recent legal proceedings, Associate Circuit Court Judge Charles Romani had ruled that the shoes could not be admitted as evidence, because the original search warrant obtained by Light could not be found.

All warrants and affidavits for warrants before 1977 had been destroyed at the county courthouse.

The ruling to overturn Romani's decision was written Friday by the Appellate Court and agreed to by another justice. A third judge dissented.

The decision states that the case represents a "unique evidentiary abyss," and determines that "this was not a warrantless search."

Wells' public defender John Rekowski said he is disappointed that "it isn't Norval Wells' fault that this warrant is missing, and I think this ruling places a burden on Wells that he show why a missing search warrant is invalid," he said.

Rekowski said he has already decided to ask for a re-hearing in the Appellate Court on the matter, and he is willing to take the matter to the state Supreme Court if necessary.

Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen, the prosecutor, said she is not surprised by Rekowski's resolve. If the Appellate Court's mandate is received by Feb. 24, Wells' trial could be temporarily set for the March-April docket, she said.

For John Light, the case is a clear example of the need for detailed police work. Part of the reason the Appellate Court upheld the submission of evidence he gathered is that he took detailed notes during the search.

"I treated every homicide case very seriously," Light said. "I don't care who the person was, he had a right to live."

Light testified during a hearing recently that he had served the warrant on Norval Wells' son, Terry, then 17.

— From The Telegraph

Suit

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now 9, was stabbed in the left eye with a pencil.

"This is absolutely untrue," Balen said. "The teacher was present, and supervising the students at the time of the accident."

Belleville attorney Del A. Goldenhersh, who represents Hudson, said he believes the stabbing was an accident, but that the classroom was unsupervised at the time and the incident might not have happened if the teacher had been present.

Goldenhersh said a piece of lead became lodged in the classroom, Balen said. "An internal investigation indicates that

there was absolutely no negligence on the part of this staff member."

Balen said the teacher was present in the classroom, examined the boy's eye immediately after the incident and sent the boy to the school nurse.

"Though nothing was visibly wrong with the student's eye, an ice pack was applied; and at the end of the day, the parent of the child was informed of the accident," Balen said.

The next day, the student told the teacher he had been taken to the emergency room and his eye was fine, Balen said.

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Happy birthday! — Niedringhaus School Principal Ellen Voyles, above right, places a rose from first grader Amy Beyer in her bouquet during an assembly held to honor Voyles on her 50th birthday. The students of each class had a representative present her with part of the bouquet. At left above, fourth grade cheerleaders cheer for Voyles on her birthday. Pictured in the front row, from right, are Kristen Kwiatkowski, Alicia Dioneda, Jennifer Johnson, Christle Moore, Amy Steen and Kristy Lange. At left, kindergartners April Woolverton, Jamie Barker, Cassandra Sudeth and Erin Beck applaud their principal.

Stagger Inn show will benefit county AIDS program

Some big-hearted people will spend Valentine's Day raising money to help people living with AIDS.

The Stagger Inn, 104 E. Vandallia, Edwardsville, will host a Female Impersonator Show starring Morgan Montgomery to benefit the Madison County AIDS Program. All proceeds from

the event will go to the agency's emergency fund to provide assistance for clients and their families. The show will take place at 9 p.m. Friday. Contributions can be made directly to the Madison County AIDS Program, 2016 Madison Ave., Granite City.

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Denny's under construction

Pontoon urges union get chance at building

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

The Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees approved a resolution Tuesday to that seeks to give a labor union in the community a fair chance at building the frame of a Denny's Restaurant that is being constructed at Timberlake Square.

The vote came after an argument between Carpenter's Union Local 833 and the Denny's job superintendent, Vince Marfe.

The argument broke out during the regular Tuesday night meeting after Tadas Kicieliński, executive secretary and treasurer of the Southwest Illinois Building and Construction Trade Council, told the board that the carpenter's union, Pontoon Beach should be building Denny's Restaurant.

"It is an issue economically," Kicieliński told the board. "Construction dollars turn over many times within the community. People in your area that do construction are union."

"To do the project, anyone non-union will have to be shipped in. If it's not union, you're losing a lot of money in your community. You (the board) can insist on union labor."

Marfe responded: "You had your shot at this, and we're using local people within a 15-mile area (of your community)."

J. Wilkenson of Glen Carbon is laying the

concrete foundation of the structure and Amso Mechanical Inc. of Granite City is installing the plumbing. Construction began last October. No contracts have been signed regarding construction of the frame, Marfe said.

Kicieliński requested that the board vote to have union people build the frame of the restaurant.

Trustee Randy Presswood made a motion to have union workers receive a "fair shot" at the job.

Trustee Irene Karlechik seconded it.

All board members voted in favor of the motion, except Trustee Bob Abel, who said a vote should not be taken without the mayor present.

Mayor Glen Wilson and Trustee Bob Vincent were not at the meeting. Trustee Mike Macke served as mayor pro tem.

Unified Aircraft Services Inc. of California is the developer of the restaurant.

In other business, the board approved a request to install signs bearing the words "deaf child" at 40252 Oakmont. The request came from the mother of a deaf child who recently moved to the address.

The village board also received a letter notifying them that a bid opening for the 1997 MPT Maintenance program was set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. The bids are for patching materials and ready-mix concrete.

Area man hits big one: \$31 million Lotto jackpot

WOOD RIVER — A Wood River construction worker apparently has hit the \$31 million jackpot in the Illinois Lotto.

After taxes, the lucky winner will take in about \$1.96 million a year for 20 years from a \$3 quick-pick ticket bought Saturday from T.J.'s Food Mart in Benld.

"It's fantastic. We're still on cloud nine," said Terry "T.J." Plovich, who owns the store with his wife, JoAnn.

The state lottery office will reveal the name of the winner after the ticket is verified in person by lottery officials, said Jackie Price of the lottery office in Springfield.

Plovich said he thought he was dreaming when the multimillion dollar ticket holder called him at his Benld home Sunday.

"I'm the lottery winner," the happy man told Plovich. The lotto winner told Plovich that he lived in Wood River.

"Congratulations, I told him. You've made me a winner too," said Plovich, who will receive a \$310,000 check for

selling the \$31 million jackpot ticket at his convenience store. Plovich and his employees have hit a winning streak in the last 10 years in selling lottery tickets at the store on Illinois Route 4 in Benld. "We sold the \$4 million winning lottery ticket in 1988," Plovich said.

The Wood River man walked into T.J.'s at 4:17 p.m. Saturday and handed \$3 to clerk Jackie Price for a lotto quick pick ticket, Plovich said.

"He bought a quick pick with six rows of numbers," the store owner said.

Plovich said the ticketholder told him he looked at the last row of his quick pick on Sunday and was surprised to see it matched the winning numbers of 23, 27, 29, 36, 49 and 50, Plovich said.

"He was amazed," Plovich said.

A gala celebration for the jackpot winner is planned later this week in Springfield with a giant check for \$31 million, said Price, of the lottery office.

"The winner may get the first check in about five weeks," she said.

State Comptroller Loleta Didrickson will deduct 31 percent in federal and state taxes, about \$480,000, from the first year's winnings of \$1.5 million, Price said.

"The comptroller will deduct the taxes and send the winner a check of \$1,069,500 a year for the next 20 years," Price said.

After federal and state taxes are deducted, Plovich will clear about \$200,000 for selling the winning ticket at his popular lottery store in Benld.

"I'll share some of the money with my employees," said Plovich, who promotes his lottery business with advertising on shirts and coffee mugs.

"We'll use some of the money to help pay the bank loans for the convenience store and the Magic Wand, our car wash business," he said.

Plovich's lottery luck continued when he went to work at his store on Monday. "I put the last four numbers of my car wash telephone number, 2470, on a pick four lottery ticket and won \$200," he said.

Benld, a historic coal mining town, is known around the country for the famous Benld Coliseum Ballroom.

"Bands like Guy Lombardo and Glenn Miller played at the former Benld Ballroom," Plovich said.

"Now Benld will be famous for the \$31 million lottery winner."

— From The Telegraph



(Staff photos by BOB SLATE)
Aldermanic candidate John Kabbendjian says the signs in front of his home at 2301 Benton Street are there to identify the building as his headquarters.

Sign ruling protested

Aldermanic candidate vows court fight

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Aldermanic candidate John Kabbendjian wants to get his message out.

Kabbendjian, of the 2300 block of Benton Street, is a candidate for 3rd Ward Alderman in Granite City. On Tuesday, he placed two political signs in front of his home.

But the placement of the signs came about three weeks too early for city Zoning Administrator Glen Hollis, who told Kabbendjian he must remove the signs.

"I'm not taking them down," Kabbendjian said. "You can give me a citation and we'll take it to court."

Then if the judge makes me take them down, I'll do it," Hollis said the signs are in violation of the city's sign ordinance, which prohibits the display of political signs more than a month prior to an election. The election is to be held April 1.

But Kabbendjian said he placed the signs after seeing a huge sign in front of Mayor Ron Selph's campaign headquarters on Nameoki Road.

"I just don't think some people should have more privileges than others," Kabbendjian said.

Hollis told a reporter Tuesday afternoon that the sign in front of Selph's campaign headquarters is legal because it identifies the building as such.

"Every candidate received a letter about the placement of political signs," Hollis said. "The sign ordinance doesn't cover headquarters, so we decided to allow them. All the mayoral candidates have them. If it's a



Mayor Ron Selph's sign on Nameoki Road clearly identifies the building as his campaign headquarters.

headquarters, I have no problem with that — but the sign must say "headquarters,"

Kabbendjian said Tuesday that the signs in front of his home are intended to identify the house as his campaign headquarters, but

that he will not have the signs changed to include the word.

City Inspector Vince Scrum issued Kabbendjian a citation Wednesday afternoon. Kabbendjian said he intends to fight the matter in court.

Sports card show set at Gateway

The next Collinsville Sports Card Show will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Collinsville Gateway Center. The Gateway Center is located at the intersection of Interstate 55/70 and Illinois 157.

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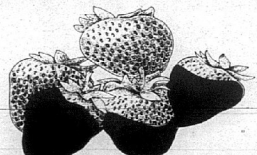
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Simon Carol's comments Simpson case will never end

I give up — it's that simple. There's obviously no going to be an end to the O.J. Simpson case. The panic in all of the television newscasts a week ago Tuesday night when the powers that be were faced with the fact that the verdict in the civil case against Simpson and President Clinton's State-of-the-Union speech were going to occur almost simultaneously made a believer of me.

Frankly, for a while, I began to believe that they'd opt to cover Santa Monica rather than Washington, D.C., but as a medium, television is nothing if not inventive and in the end, we didn't have to miss much of the excitement of either event. If you choose to call either one exciting. Almost as riveting as, say, V-J Day?

When I really cried "uncle" was during the two following days when, on Wednesday, O.J.'s front page story clearly outclassed Clinton's speech in terms of headlines and, though both Simpson and the Prez rated two pages inside related stories, Simpson's were on pages 6A and 7A, while Clinton and the speech were not-quite-buried on pages 12A and 13A.



Carol Clarkin

several children and the union could only be described as a stormy one.

Domestic abuse was involved, too, although in reverse; the man was of a relatively short and slight build and the lady, fairly hefty. According to police and neighbors, during domestic disturbances, the woman was the batterer. Both were heavy drinkers.

The facts in the case were simple and inarguable. Both he and she had been drinking, one of their regular arguments began late in the evening, the woman began an attack on the defendant who fled to an unlighted kitchen. She pursued, he grabbed the first thing at hand to defend himself (the kitchen knife) and struck out at her — and connected. She fell, he fled.

Neighbors called police who, in charge, called an ambulance. She died shortly after arrival at the hospital and he, concerned with her welfare, showed up at the hospital about an hour after her death, admitted guilt (no Miranda in those days) and was arrested.

The only real problem lay with the prosecution in determining how small they could safely make the charge. Naturally, it wasn't murder and so many years have passed that I don't remember the exact charge.

The defendant pleaded to the charge, the case was presented before a judge only and over and done with in less than two days. Sentencing (again, the shortest possible) was immediate. You could have counted those present in the courtroom on the fingers of two hands.

My story (in the old *Springfield State-Register*) was given about five inches of print, buried deep, and the local paper, the *Jacksonville Journal-Courier*, wasn't much longer. I can't even remember the man's name.

But, of course, he was no celebrity. Maybe J. should have been so lucky.



Letters to the editor

Voters have short memory

TO THE EDITOR:

As a relatively new citizen (three years), I find the voters of Madison County the quickest forgetters I have ever seen. Because of this "problem," the county is falling behind its neighbors in cultural and economic progress.

Although new to the area, I had a bird's eye view of its forgetfulness in voters. Last fall I ran as the Republican candidate for Madison County auditor. Door to door I went, talking to voters from one end of the county to the other.

I was amazed at what I heard! Voters know there are increasing, and the county government is bloated with nepotism and political hacks.

So what do voters do? Yes, they put all the same men comfortably back in office. And lo behold, what happens?

Well, remember the monster pay raises that were necessary because department heads earned more than elected county office holders? Well, department heads were granted another raise which will ensure the wage spiral will continue soaring up. Does this ever stop?

Rudy Papa's relative needs a job? No problem, he's on the county payroll. To add insult to injury, Rudy acts as if he knew nothing about the hiring. Pigs can fly, right Rudy?

The Republican Party agrees on who should replace John Shimkus as treasurer. Are their wishes respected? Not likely. Not Rudy and the Board do as they please in a "politics as usual" move.

An African-American minister complains publicly that the county board disregards black job seekers, although blacks overwhelmingly vote a straight Democratic ticket. I assume the minister now knows the folly of the straight ticket.

And so it goes. Madison County politics. I found voters intelligent and perceptive as I walked the county seeking their vote. But until they stop voting just for one party, little positive change will take place in our county. There are alternatives to the monopoly now in place.

So to the voters I say: become more bold in your political thought and action and Madison County will become a better place to live. You deserve better than what you're getting.

Credit union troubles persist

TO THE EDITOR:

As the president of United Steel Workers of America, Local 301, I have acquired an awareness of an ever increasing adversarial attitude from the management of our Granite City Steel and Community Federal Credit Union. I hasten to add that these reflections are mine, not necessarily an indication of anything else and certainly not being given through any direction from this local union. In addition, it is certainly not my intention to incite anyone to do other than make some or all of the Credit Union management, including directors, aware their attitudes and manipulations are not what we want in our Credit Union.

I wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the December 28, 1996, edition. In that letter I attempted to inform you of some of the nonsensical schemes being perpetrated on those employees represented by Local 301. Well, not much has changed in that regard, nor do I expect it to change.

I also indicated perhaps some questions might be in order on why we should spend our money hiring some big-shot lawyers from St. Louis to negotiate a contract with the union.

After all, those of us negotiating on the union side are just workers from the Credit Union or the mill, aren't we?

I informed you also the current attitude seems to be to force issues into the grievance and arbitration procedure, which spends more of our money to process, and they will probably engage their lawyer for the arbitrations.

It is my further understanding at the present time Credit Union management is preparing to hire a professional human resources person to handle relations with the union. All these things will be at tremendous cost and not just to our union.

We must ask ourselves just what is wrong with this picture. Why have things been allowed to degenerate to such a degree that our Credit Union management is unable to deal with better relations in a decent fashion and by using common sense?

I believe me, I am in no way indicating all management here is at fault. To the contrary, most are more than willing to work with the union or the employees themselves to resolve any issue. We need to look at the top management leadership and those who apparently support the policies of that leadership. Certainly no one man favors the union for reacting to the results of those policies by defending our member. After all, we would be delinquent in our duties should we not represent these employees to the fullest extent of our abilities.

It is just so sad most, if not all, of the current difficulties are unnecessary and benefit no one. In fact, I feel we all lose something here, even those persons whose tantrums get them their ways when issuing policy after policy just to show us all who is boss.

MIKE ROGERS
Granite City

over their estimate to build the nuclear power plant at Clinton. Please tell the stockholders of Illinois Power to figure a more ethical way of regaining their losses.

CARL BURNETT
Granite City

Meter charge is not fair

TO THE EDITOR:

What are facility charges? That is the question I asked Illinois Power Co. They informed me it is a charge for each meter at your home. The charge, per meter, is \$9.95 each month for gas and electric. This totals to \$238.80 per year, per household.

They also have the nerve to ask for donations to help the indigent pay their utility bill. It would help a lot if they do away with this charge. It seems the ICC could do something about this unfair charge. These meters are used to measure the amount of the product they sell to you. I know of no other utility company that has such a charge.

If you go to a service station for gasoline, they do not charge you for the use of their pump. Illinois Power said the charge was for maintenance work when required. Who pays to repair the gas pumps when needed? The same company that sells the gas.

It is time for the ICC and the politicians to wake up. They can be replaced the same as the unfair facility charge. It is not the general public's fault, Illinois Power went several hundred million dollars

Jack Green will be missed

TO THE EDITOR:

With the recent passing of Jack Green, it is not just the Granite City Laborers 397 that has lost one of its key members, but the community as a whole lost one of its best builders. Even if you didn't know Jack personally, you know his work. For the last 40 plus years if a road was built, a furnace at the steel mill was relined, a new building built or any other construction took place, Jack — or the knowledge he would pass on to others — helped get the job done.

Jack was a true union man, born and raised a union man. When he worked, he didn't work hard to make himself look good, he worked hard to make the union look good. Being a master rigger, Jack could rig a ton of bricks that could be lifted over other workers' heads safely and securely; this was the type of knowledge he left behind.

Jack is not with us any more, but he's left his mark and it's just about every place you look. The skills passed on will live for many years to come, and will be passed on to others, because that's the way Jack "The Green Machine" would want it: to make the union look good.

DEREK REA
Granite City

Rule of the road: Children must ride in back seat

No one can deny how important it is to spend time interacting with our children. Our children often demand our undivided attention.

Nonetheless, there are times when children's whims should never win out.

One is deciding where kids sit in the car. New evidence — mostly in the form of recent reports of air bag deployment killing younger children in low-speed crashes — points to a non-negotiable rule of the road: Kids always ride in the back, no matter how much they want to imitate an older sibling or family member.

"Drivers need to understand the safest place for children under 12 years old is to be properly buckled in the back seat," said Janet Dewey, executive director of the Air Bag Safety Campaign, an industry-sponsored project of the non-profit National Safety Council. "The front seat should not be an option until children are big enough to ride with both feet on the floor while their backs are firmly against the back of the seat."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends graduated states for children riding in the back seat: rear facing safety seats until the child is 20 pounds and a year old; a federally approved car safety seat for children up to 40 pounds and the child's ears are below the top of the back of the seat and shoulders are below the seat strap slots; booster seats when the child has outgrown the safety seat but is too small to fit properly in a vehicle safety belt (the academy prefers a booster seat with a combination shoulder/lap belt rather than models with a small shield but only a lap belt).

Some parents resist the safety advice. They want to socialize with their children, which is easier in the front seat. Or maybe they just bought a new "sport" car. "Frustrated parents call me all the time," said Dewey. "They want me to tell them it's OK for their 8-year old to ride in the front seat. It clearly is not."

The numbers are sobering: 32 children have been killed in auto accidents in which air bags were determined as cause of death. The crashes occurred at speeds of 30 m.p.h. or less. The scary part is these accidents were low-speed, said Dewey, who must reason with her own 5-year-old son on the issue. "Even allowing a child to ride one time on a short neighborhood trip in the front seat is a bad idea."

Reprinted from the Chicago Tribune.

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— Janet Dewey

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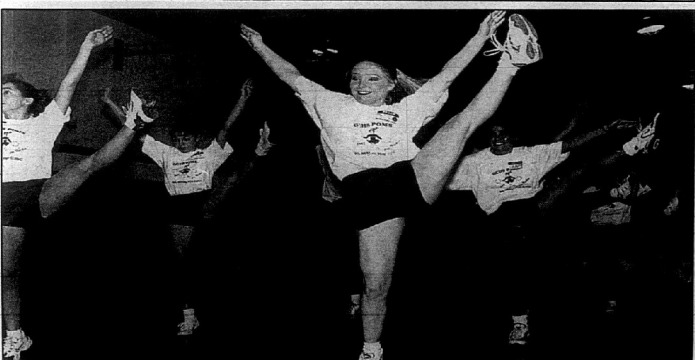
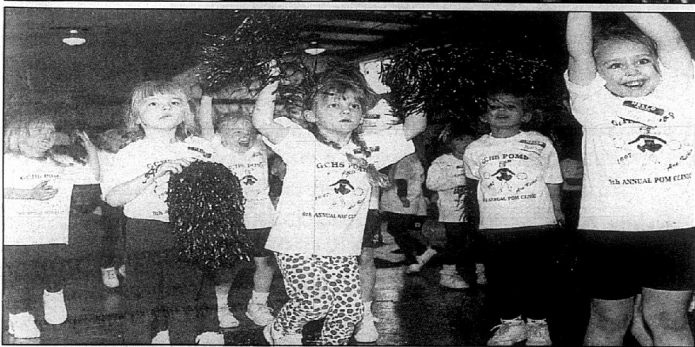
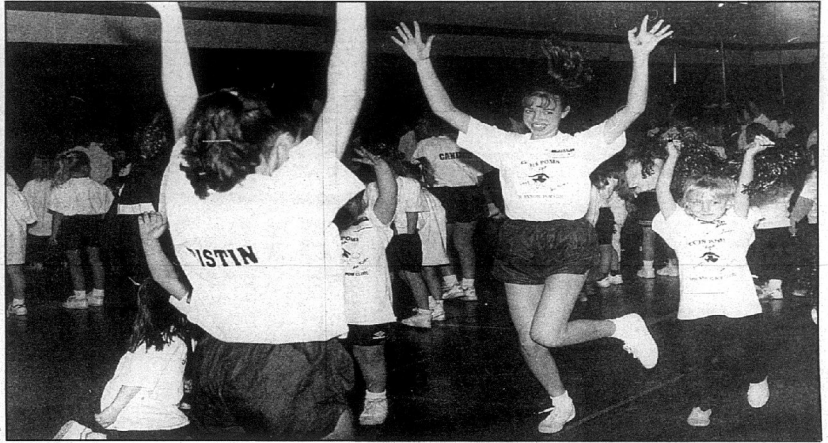


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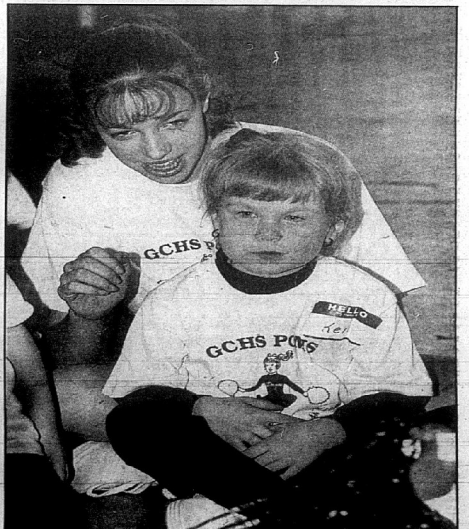
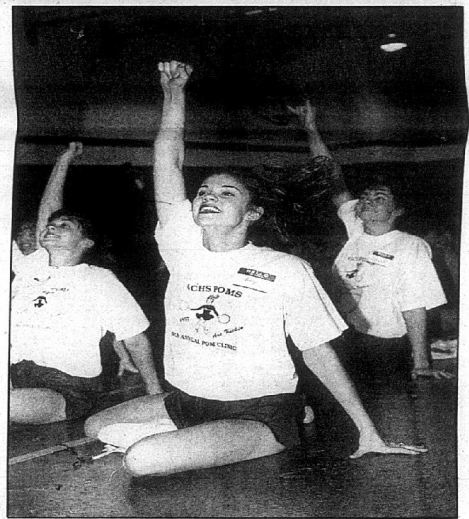
Three cheers for... Clinic raises money for pom squad

Four-year-old Tess Boyer, at left, practices a dance routine with the other girls in her group at the annual Pom Clinic, which was held as a fund raiser for the Granite City High School Pom

Pon Squad. Below, Julie Mills, center, of the Pom Squad, demonstrates the routine her group of girls was learning at the clinic.



At left, Laura Nicol instructs a group of girls during the clinic. Middle left, a group of young girls takes their turn performing. Bottom left, the GCHS Pom Pon Squad, led by Captain Beth Reiter, front, performs before giving the stage over to the youngsters they instructed. At right, Amy Pennell of the GCHS Pom Pon Squad strikes a pose at the end of their dance number. Bottom right, Pom Squad member Julie Mills and Keri Green, 5, sit down for a break while they listen to a run through of their routine. Below, Emily Mick, 6, dances along with the rest of the girls in the clinic during the final performance held for their parents.



Well Aware 2000

Modern equipment helps in medical diagnosis

In order to keep our readers informed about the latest medical advances, the Granite City Press-Record has teamed up with St. Elizabeth Medical Center to provide readers with the information they need to know about their health. "Well Aware 2000" is a regular feature of the newspaper. Each issue features community physicians discussing groundbreaking and relevant health care topics.

The focus is on information readers can use to educate themselves, prevent illness and improve their current health. We welcome your letters, questions and comments. Let us know your concerns and we will try to address them.

A quick and accurate diagnosis is essential in a medical situation. New developments in technology have made it possible for physicians to look into the human body for the answers they need without breaking the skin.

Radiology Services at St. Elizabeth Health Services recently added the new nuclear medicine and ultrasound technology to provide patients and physicians with better information for diagnosis.

The nuclear medicine addition is a Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography camera. It allows nuclear images to be taken at specific depths within a patient's body. The multiple images obtained during the scanning process greatly improve the sensitivity and specificity of the nuclear medicine examination compared to conventional nuclear cameras. The images are created by introducing a small quantity of radioactive dye into the patient's body. The camera can then record the path of the dye through various parts of the patient's system.

"This is the best available equipment which provides for a more accurate diagnosis," said Dr. Albert Hammerman, MD, chief of radiology services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. "The department also has obtained advanced computer software which has allowed us to institute a new protocol for cardiac stress tests, thereby improving the diagnosis of heart disease."

The software includes a Dual Isotope Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Protocol with the radioactive dye, which includes Isotope Thallium and Technetium 99m-Sestamibi.

"These isotopes together result in a more sensitive evaluation of coronary artery disease," Hammerman said. A color Doppler Ultrasound unit has been added to improve the radiology staff's diagnostic capabilities. Ultrasound uses sound waves to create images of various structures in the body. "Like Color Doppler Radar used by meteorologists to depict moving weather fronts, Color Doppler Ultrasound depicts the flow of blood within vessels by means of color images," Hammerman said.

Not only can larger vessels be evaluated for possible narrowing or obstruction, but very small vessels in tissues in the body can also be analyzed for abnormal flow patterns.

"These patterns help us distinguish between different disease processes, such as infection or tumor," Hammerman said. "Loss of blood supply can also be evaluated in its early stage, allowing operative intervention prior to permanent damage."

The new technology provides physicians with more options in gathering information on a patient's health.

"The use of this state-of-the-art equipment and technology allows us to provide the most favorable diagnosis for treatment

of our patients," Hammerman said.

Albert M. Hammerman is the chief of Radiology Services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He completed his undergraduate education and earned his medical degree at Washington University in St. Louis. He has written numerous professional articles and made presentations on various topics. In addition, he is an assistant clinical professor at Washington University School of Medicine, serving as section chief for computerized tomography.

Dr. Hammerman is certified by the American Board of Radiology and a member of the American College of Radiology.

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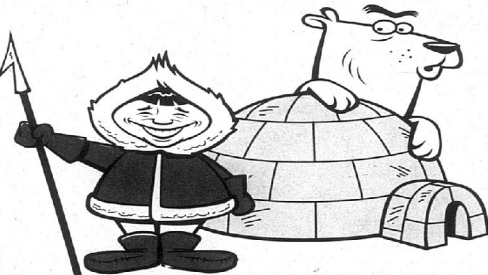
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KTVI	(2)	What We Do	Midnight (R)	Hollywood	Extra (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)	Real TV (R)
KMOV	(4)	Canid Cam	JAG "Ghosts" (In Stereo)	Hank Bridges: "Gun Play"	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)
KSDK	(1)	Unsubbed Mysteries (R)	Detective (In Stereo)	Hank Bridges: "Gun Play"	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)	News (R)
KNLN	(1)	The Jackie Robinson Story (1950)	Bonanza	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
KDNC	(1)	Fan Mail (R)	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
KETC	(1)	Wash. Wt. Wash. St.	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
KPLR	(1)	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
CABLE STATIONS													
SC	(1)	News	Journal (R)	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central
CNN	(1)	Prime News	Barney	Larry King Live (R)	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today	World Today
NICK	(1)	Kablam!	Happy	Love Lucy	Minutemen	M.T. Moore	Rhodes	Test (R)	Test (R)	Test (R)	Test (R)	Test (R)	Test (R)
TNT	(1)	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks (In Stereo)	Live	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA	Inside NBA
USA	(1)	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
ESPN	(1)	Skating	Winter Sports Festival	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating	Figure Skating
DISC	(1)	Wild Discovery	Danger	Invention	1960	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)	Wings (R)
TBS	(1)	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
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LIFE	(1)	1989 Jean-Claude Van Damme: "La Femme Nikita" (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)	Chances (R)
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BROADCAST STATIONS													
KTVI	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KMOV	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KSDK	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KNLN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KDNC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KETC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
KPLR	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
CABLE STATIONS													
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CNN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
NICK	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
TNT	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
USA	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
ESPN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
DISC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
TBS	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
TWC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
WGN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
WHSN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
AMC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
MTV	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
LIFE	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
HN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
FAM	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
A&E	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
SCIFI	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
HIST	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
PREMIUM STATIONS													
HBO	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
SHOW	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
TMC	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo
DISN	(1)	6:00 Saturday Morning	Spider-Man	Casper (R)	Goosebump	Ernie Ind.	Life-Local	X-Men (R)	Dreams	Sw. Valley	Prod/Prod	Flippo	Flippo

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	(1)	Flipper	Brett Hull	NASCAR Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues	(H) Stano (Live)				News (H)	Pat Pascault	Pen	H. Patrol
KMOV	(1)	Auto Race	Auto Racing	Hockey: New Jersey vs. Bowling: Vegas Open Championships				News (H)	QBS News	Fan	Lifestyles
KSDK	(1)	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2	Circle 2
KNLN	(1)	Bonanza	"The Hyphen"	BottomLine	Sports	Outdoor	Old House	Hm. Again	Here's Help	Saturday Night Sing	Ministry	Geospatial
KDNC	(1)	College Basketball	Live at Kansas State	Live	College Basketball	Outdoor at Missouri	Live			ABC News	Busters	Hunt
KETC	(1)	College Basketball	Live at Kansas State	Live	College Basketball	Outdoor at Missouri	Live			ABC News	Busters	Hunt
KPLR	(1)	Adventure of Simbad	*** Enter the Dragon	(H) Bruce Lee		Heracles: Myths				Xena: Warrior Princess	Ship-Stop	Gro. Pains
CABLE STATIONS												
SC	(1)	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central	Scoreboard Central
CNN	(1)	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health
NICK	(1)	No Way	Crasy Kids	Ship-Stop	Wainwright	Temple	G.U.T.S.	Land-Land	ReinStipity	Rock	Monsters	Doog II
TNT	(1)	(1200) "Sports" (1975)	*** "Salute '91" (1980, Score Fiction) Kiti Oka			JoeFest	Teez-Mania	Flintstones	Bugs	Robi-Hood		
USA	(1)	"As Good as Dead" (H)	"Contract for Murder" (1980) Kiti Oka			*** "Lash-Tamash" (1980) Kiti Oka						
ESPN	(1)	College Basketball	Live at Kansas State	Live	College Basketball	Outdoor at Missouri	Live					
DISC	(1)	24	Trasur	Mysterios	Boy	2000	Next Step	Invention	Movie	World's Greatest Stories	Discov Magazine (H)	
TBS	(1)	*** "Support Your Local Gunfighter" (1991)				*** "Support Your Local Sheriff" (1989, Comedy)				WCW Saturday Night (H)		
TWC	(1)	24	Trasur	Mysterios	Boy	2000	Next Step	Invention	Movie	World's Greatest Stories	Discov Magazine (H)	
WGN	(1)	(1200) "Sports" (1975)	*** "Salute '91" (1980, Score Fiction) Kiti Oka			JoeFest	Teez-Mania	Flintstones	Bugs	Robi-Hood		
WHSN	(1)	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health	10 Health
AMC	(1)	"The Ladies' Man"	*** "Operation Pacific" (1961) John James			*** "Rag the Wild Wind" (1942) Jay Miland				"The Killers" (1946) H.		
MTV	(1)	11(Jam) James Countdown	James Countdown (H) Stano			Real World: Roseville (H) (Stano)				Rock	Road Rules	"Road Rule"
LIFE	(1)	12 Desigining	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
HN	(1)	33 News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
FAM	(1)	24 "Yellow" (H)	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich	Richie Rich
A&E	(1)	20th Century (H)	Investigative Reports (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)	American Justice (H)
SCIFI	(1)	*** "D.J. McKay and Sister Hyde" (1971, Horror)				Myer's Science Theater 3000						
HIST	(1)	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare	Warfare
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
SHOW	(1)	14 "Richie"	Richie Rich	*** "Last of the Dogmen" (1990) Tom Bergeron	*** Juras	Juras	Tracy	*** "She's Having a Baby" (1989) Kevin Bacon				
SHOW	(1)	14 "Silver Strike"	*** "Iron Eagle II" (1988) John	*** "Ninja Kickup" (1975) (H)	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."	*** "Super Mario Bros."
DISN	(1)	Turkletons	Ready-N-Go! (H) Ocean Girl	SpellBinder	Frosty	*** "My Bodyguard" (1980) P.J.	Flash	Ready-N-Go!	"DuckTales"			

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BROADCAST STATIONS												
KTVI	(4) Beverly Hills 90210	(3) Party of Five (In Stereo)	(4) Hollywood Extra	(3) News (C)	Real TV (H)	Patrol	Cops (C)	Video	Entertain			
KMYB	(4) Nanny 36	(3) "Murder in My Stars" (1957)	Nicole Sheridan	News (C)	Late Show (H)	Hatfield	Dating	News	Married...			
KSDK	(3) Wings 36	(3) Chavo	Mont-Buddy	Law & Order	Monday	News (C)	Tonight Show (H)	Wally Simpson	Late Night			
KSL	(4) Grace 36	(3) News	Donna	Donna	News (C)	Real TV (H)	Real TV (H)	Real TV (H)	Real TV (H)			
KDNL	(4) Grace 36	(3) Coach	Drew Carey	Ellen 36	Primitve Live	News (C)	News (C)	Star Trek	Star Trek			
KETC	(3) National Geographic	(3) Thomas Jefferson	36	36	36	Business	Hitchcock	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	Travels			
KPLR	(3) Sister, Sister 36	Kings News	Jamie Fox	News	36	Seinfeld 36	36	Hockenheim	Baywatch 36			
SCOREBOARD												
CNN	36	Prime News (Barton)	Larry King Live (C)	World Today	Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz	Newsnight	Sports		
NICK	36	Hey Arnold! (Happy)	I Love Lucy (M)	M.T. More	Rhoda	Adri	God Couple	Bewitched	Van Dyke	News		
TNT	36	*** "An Eye For an Eye" (1981)	Chick Norris	*** "Double Impact" (1991)	Adventure	Jean-Claude Van Damme	*** "Point Blank" (1967)	Suarez				
ESPN	36	College Basketball	College Basketball: St. John's at Villanova (Live)	College Basketball: St. John's at Villanova (Live)	SportsCenter 36	Horse	Rodeo	Knigh Rider				
DISC	36	Three Minutes to Impact (H)	OC-Challenge	Three Minutes to Impact (H)	OC-Challenge	Three Minutes to Impact (H)	OC-Challenge	Three Minutes to Impact (H)	OC-Challenge			
TBS	36	NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Oklahoma Magic (Live)	(C) Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (Live)	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror			
WFL	36	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror	*** "The People Under the Stairs" (1991)	Horror			
WGN	36	Sister, Sister 36	Nick News	Jamie Fox	News (In Stereo)	36	WiseGuy (In Stereo)	36	In the Heat of the Night	Shen & Shellen		
WHSN	36	Marilyn Ming	Marilyn Ming	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold	In the Kitchen	Housewives			
AMC	26	WENN	*** "Kronos" (1957)	Jim Morrow	*** "Invasion" (1957)	Jim Morrow	*** "Invasion" (1957)	Jim Morrow	*** "Invasion" (1957)	Jim Morrow		
TNN	36	Life of Richard Pryor	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)	Prime Time Living (C)			
MTV	36	Uncensored Mysteries	"The Second Chance" (1997)	Linda Lundy (H) (In Stereo)	Real World: World of the Living (H) (In Stereo)	Real World: World of the Living (H) (In Stereo)	Real World: World of the Living (H) (In Stereo)	Real World: World of the Living (H) (In Stereo)	Real World: World of the Living (H) (In Stereo)			
HN	36	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News			
FAM	26	Highway to Heaven 36	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Carson	Carson	Carson	Carson	Carson			
SCIFI	36	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News			
HIST	36	Waltch of God Daughters	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War	Year by Year '93/98	Waltch of God Daughters	Waltch of God Daughters	Waltch of God Daughters	Waltch of God Daughters			
PREMIUM STATIONS												
SHOW	15	*** "The President" (1995)	Loretta Lynn 36	*** "The President" (1995)	Loretta Lynn 36	*** "The President" (1995)	Loretta Lynn 36	*** "The President" (1995)	Loretta Lynn 36			
TMC	16	(16) "The Swapper" (H)	*** "The Demolitionist" (1996)	36	*** "The Donor" (1995)	Will Vinton	*** "La Strada" (1990)	Mou Mou Mou	"Chopper" (1995)			
DISN	16	Goofing Around Donald	Elton John in Concert From Rio	*** "Midnight Run" (1986)	David De Niro	*** "Midnight Run" (1986)	David De Niro	*** "Midnight Run" (1986)	David De Niro			

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Obituaries

Katherine Kurilla

Katherine (Barlock) Kurilla, 85, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 11:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, in St. Louis. She was born April 13, 1911, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Kurilla was a homemaker and member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Alex Kurilla Sr.; two sons, Robert and Ron Kurilla of Granite City; and one sister, Stephanie Rogers of Madison.

She was preceded in death by one son, Alex Kurilla Jr.; her parents, Martin and Mary Barlock; and one brother, Walter Barlock.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Irwin Chapel, 3560 Maryville Road, Granite City. There will be a prayer service at 6 p.m. Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th and Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Catholic Church or the American Heart Association.

Vonda Collins

Vonda L. (Tackett) Collins, 59, of Taylorville, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:15 a.m. as the result of a heart attack that occurred on Rt. 104, 1/4 mile west of Pawnee. She was born Nov. 1, 1937, in Elco.

Mrs. Collins was employed as a licensed practical nurse at Doctors Hospital in Springfield.

Survivors include her mother, Vanita Lucille (Jones) Thompson of Taylorville; her father, Carmel Tackett of Thebes; three daughters, Pamela Wiesner of Granite City, Eugenia M. Gibson and Lydia L. Collins, both of Belleville; and one son, Daniel W.L. Collins of Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Lisa Stubbs of Olympia, Wash.; one sister, Mildred Hopkins of Taylorville; two brothers, David Tackett of Granite City and Wendell Tackett of Madison; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Michael and Charles J. Collins; one brother, Troy E. Tackett; and one granddaughter.

Private family services were held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Shafter Funeral Home, 202 West Franklin, Taylorville. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Shafter, one daughter, Patricia McElroy of Alto; five sons, Ivan Foster of Carthage, Miss., Ronald and

Frederick Shafter both of Ponton Beach, Richard Shafter of St. Louis and Sam Shafter of Caseyville; one sister, Bessie Mae Wertz of Florissant; Mo.; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Anna Mae (Todd) Griffin; and one brother, Leo M. Griffin, who died in 1972.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Ponton Beach. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Doug Hoffman officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church, East 25th and Henry, Granite City.

Ellis Angle Jr.

Ellis F. "Red" Angle Jr., 68, of Granite City died at 9:58 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in St. Louis. He was born June 1, 1929, in Granite City and had been ill for six weeks.

Mr. Angle retired in 1991 from RCS Construction after 18 years as a teamster. He was also the owner of Red's Truck Service in Granite City, a member of the Granite City Masonic Lodge 877, and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include three sons, David, Robert Ellis and Timothy Glenn Angle, all of Granite City; three brothers, Gerald, Ronald and Orville Angle, all of Granite City; five sisters, Gladys Flowers of McQueen, Tenn., Darlene Kombling of Glen Carbon, Arline White of Granite City, Joan Vinson of Charleston, Mo., and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie (Roach) Angle, who died in 1989; his parents, Ellis R. and Leona (Padgett) Angle; one son, Wallace W. Angle; one brother, Carl Angle; and one sister, Shirley Willis.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Davis Funeral Home with the Rev. David and Richard Under officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Maggie Latham

Maggie M. Latham, 51, of Madison died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was a native of Meridian, Miss.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny M. Latham of Granite City, Calif.; three sons, Billy and Leroy Latham of Madison and Johnny K. Latham of East Peoria; two daughters, Lisa and Carrie Latham of Madison; three brothers, Johnny Johnson of Chattanooga, Tenn., and David

and James Johnson of Cincinnati; two sisters, Louise Johnson and Marie Lumpkins, both of Madison; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 10, at the True Faith Lutheran, Missionary Baptist Church, 1641 3rd Street, Madison, with the Rev. R. Tate officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Baracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis.

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He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Pablo Rodriguez; and maternal grandmother, Mariana Lamas.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 13, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tegan, gura officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Charles Sowell

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He was preceded in death by his son, Charles G. and Iva May (Norwood) Sowell.

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Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Trotter officiating.

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where she had been a patient for five days. She was born Jan. 18, 1927, in Indian Woods, Tenn., and had been ill for the past three years.

Mrs. Moore, a homemaker, was a member of the Pentecostal Church, the Sacred Fall Club at Bethel Pentecostal, and the Five Star Club of Magna Bank.

Survivors include two sons, Leonard and Richard King, both of Granite City; five daughters, Marcella Papp and Sarah King, both of Granite City; Linda Nelson of St. Charles, Mo.; Thelma Holloran of St. Louis and Lois Dugan of Madison; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Wesley and Lula (Brinton) Whitehead; one brother, William E. Whitehead; one daughter, Evelyn Somers; and one grandson.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 13, at Bethel Chapel Pentecostal Church, 2445 Ohio, Granite City, with the Rev. Gerald Green officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Bethel Chapel, American Diabetes Association, Heart Fund or St. Joseph Home Health Care, St. Charles, Mo.

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Velma McIlroy

Velma B. McIlroy, 76, of Granite City died at 3:42 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. She was born April 1, 1920, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. McIlroy retired as a clerk from the Granite City Township Assessor's Office. She was a member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church and the Elketts.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne McIlroy; and one son, Michael McIlroy of Carmichael, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her son, Gerald McIlroy, in 1994; her parents, Clem and Martha (Decker) Roney; and one brother, Lloyd Roney.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar, Granite City, with the Rev. Brian Caughlan officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Trotter officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church.

Joe Bardill

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Mr. Bardill was born March 18, 1924, in Highland and was a lifelong resident.

He was a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church and the Elketts.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Bardill) Bardill; one daughter, Nancy Beedle of Annapolis, Md.; one sister, Mary Annich of Fresno, Calif.; and one grandson.

He was preceded in death by his son, Charles G. and Iva May (Norwood) Sowell.

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He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Pablo Rodriguez; and maternal grandmother, Mariana Lamas.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 13, at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Ponton Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Francis Tegan, gura officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Charles Sowell

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Sports

Art Voellinger

Missing jersey raises dilemma

Remember those television bits that asked, "You make the call" regarding a pro football rules interpretation? Try this one, and ask what you'd do although I'm not referring to an on-the-field or court rule.

During the recent Belleville East boys basketball Invitational, Carbondale and Mehlville, Mo., were scheduled to play in the semifinals in what was expected to be a good battle between two of the best representatives from Illinois and Missouri.

Yet, it did not turn out that way as Carbondale won 72-58 to reach an unsuccessful championship game against Belleville East.

However, there was more to the Carbondale victory than statistics. Mehlville's leading scorer, 6-foot-4 senior Melvin Williams, did not play. Melvin was at the game all right and sat on the Panthers' bench, but only his teammates and coach Greg Fingerhut knew the star forward wore no game jersey beneath his attire.

Apparently, Melvin forgot to bring his game jersey to the East gymnasium and paid the price according to a rule by Fingerhut.

Again, I ask, "You make the call." Were you the coach, would Melvin play? Would you allow him to wear the jersey of a teammate for one game? Would it mean anything that this was Mehlville's first appearance in the tourney that began in 1987? Would it be fair to penalize the rest of the team for a mistake of this nature?

Even as his team warmed up, Fingerhut said he weighed the dilemma, but he did not back down with a reserve player offered a jersey in the pregame talk.

To Williams' credit, the player apologized to the coach, and Mehlville came back the next night to defeat O'Fallon 88-83 in overtime with Melvin netting 33 points.

In speaking later with O'Fallon coach Norm Toenjes, I learned that Williams' uniform error was not his first mistake this season.

Apparently, he missed a team bus for a game as the result of falling asleep in a lounge at Mehlville.

Again, I ask, you make the call, especially if you were in Fingerhut's place. If your decision is "A rule is a rule," or "He sits and learns a lesson," remember that there's much that takes place during the course of a sports season and much that involves the relationship between a player, coach and teammates.

Without such knowledge, I could not decide what I'd do in such a case. But I do know Melvin's boo-boo was his first, there's no way he would not have played against Carbondale with a shot at advancing to the finals and a game against East.

OVERTIME: After losing 89-78 in the championship game to East, Carbondale coach DeWayne Kelly showed no reservation in wanting to play the Lancers again. Carbondale led half-ranked East 41-39 at halftime. But early in the second half, the Lancers used a 17-7 run to take a 67-57 lead.

Disheartened because of the fouls called on his team, Kelly was quoted as saying: "It's very easy to build a 10-point lead when we've got three of our starters sitting on the bench—the three kids that score for us."

The players Kelly referred to were 6-5 junior Tim Rose, 6-6 junior Albie Campbell and 6-4 senior Josh Cross.

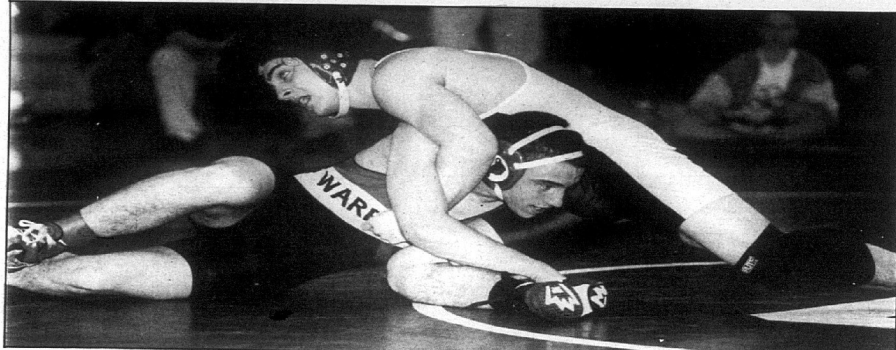
Of East, Kelly said: "We'd love to see them at the Arena."

If Carbondale and East were to meet again, it would be in the Class AA super-sectional at the SIU Arena in Carbondale.

NET NOTE: Okawville 6-5 senior Abel Schrader not only earned recognition by averaging nearly 30 points per game, but gained unusual praise recently from his coach, Dave Luechtefeld.

"Abel can probably do more things than any kid I've coached for 35 years," he said. "He's difficult to guard because he can go outside or inside and shoot it."

Warriors unseat CM, win regional



David Thompson works for position against Jerseyville's Matt Greeling (top) in a 152-pound match. GCHS advanced to the dual team sectional with a regional title win over Civic Memorial on Tuesday.

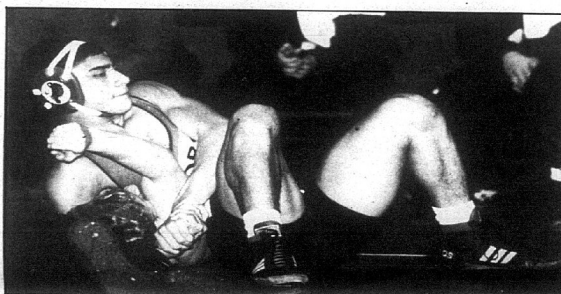
Upset-filled match ends with Warriors on top

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Cahokia Class AA Regional dual team title for wrestling was decided Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium when the Warriors escaped with a hard-fought 30-25 win over favored Civic Memorial.

It was a night of upsets. The big upset came for the Warriors, who also advanced 13 wrestlers and won the individual portion of the regional Saturday at Cahokia. Despite the Warriors' dual meet victory over the Eagles earlier this season, onlookers did not expect a youthful GCHS squad to stand with CM's mature and experienced matmen.

(See MATCH, Page 3B)



Brooks Narvaez put the squeeze on Civic Memorial with an upset over Jake Sullivan at 140 pounds.

Area's best to battle at GCHS

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

The Class AA wrestling individual sectional on Friday at Granite City should be a war, and to the winners go the spoils: an appearance at the state tournament Feb. 21-22 at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall.

Regional winners Nick Bingham (Belleville East), Chanarone Johnson (Mt. Vernon), Josh Moody (Quincy) and Steve Bryant (Civic Memorial) head a list of a dozen grapplers at 103 pounds.

But Bryant, beaten only once in the year, was vulnerable against Granite City's Gary Oxford on Tuesday in the dual team regional finals. Oxford (35-7) draws Josh Mercer of Edwardsville in the opening round. If he wins, he must face Johnson and could conceivably meet Bryant again in the sectional finals.

The Warriors' Adame Dunnavant (24-10) has a first-round bye in the 112-pound class. He waits for the winner of a match between Highland's Trevor Bauchens and Springfield's Ryan Melonch. Other regional winners are Justin Keepes of Mt. Carmel, Bob Catalano of Springfield and Nick Winkler of Belleville East.

Mike Glover (26-10) of GCHS is one of the favorites at 119 pounds. But he will face stiff



GCHS 145-pounder Jonas Janek (left) hopes to battle back from an injury for the Granite City Class AA Sectional this weekend.

challenges from Edwardsville's Don Sanders, Mt. Vernon's J.C. Gaunt and Jacksonville's Brexton Hall. Glover will face the winner of the Ryan Tyler (Belleville West) and Brad Brown (Murphysboro) match.

Civic Memorial's J.C. Cox (26-9) may be the cream of the 125-pound crop, but standing in the way are Marc Justice of Collinsville, Ryan Featherston of Mt. Vernon and Bola Oduobi of Springfield Southeast. But watch out for the Warriors' John Kelly (30-14), who lost to Cox Tuesday in a well-fought 5-4 match.

In the 130-pound division,

Granite City's Matt Werner (29-12) is among those with first-round byes. So are Chuck Barrows of O'Fallon, Matt Veach of Chatham Glenwood and Andy Rains of Marquette. Edwardsville's Brandon Greco or Quincy's Mike Irvine could be Werner's competition if he gets by either Kelly McBride of Jacksonville or Nathan Rakers of Belleville West in the second round.

Granite City's Ryan Worthen (11-7) faces a tough road to state. He must face Belleville East's Marrius Simmons in the first round, with Mt. Carmel's first round, with Mt. Carmel's first round, with Mt. Carmel's first round.

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Madison's Tywansley Patten (right) tries to slow down Kevin Roberts of Venice.

Red Devils hold off Johnson, East Side

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Venice withstood a blistering 36-point performance by East St. Louis Senior's Eddie Johnson Tuesday night to hold off the visiting Flyers 77-69.

The Red Devils (14-5) used a 23-11 third-quarter edge to break open what was a two-point game at the half. They played in neutral from there.

The Flyers (4-10) had no supporting cast for Johnson other than 6-6 Spencer Hughes, who worked his way underneath for 17 points. Darris Jones, with eight points, was the only other East Side player with more than three points.

Venice, on the other hand, had good offensive balance. Kevin Roberts, who also dished out six assists, scored

a team-high 22 points, Jammie Edwards was close behind with 19 and Marcus Allen tossed in 16. But where Allen and Edwards did their real damage was on the glass. They combined for 25 rebounds, 15 of them belonging to Edwards, and shut down any chance the Flyers might have had for second shots.

The Red Devils come into the season's stretch run on a roll, playing their best ball of the year. Coach Clinton Harris hopes their last three games will fine-tune them for regional action.

Venice hosts Normandy (Mo.) tonight, travels to Greenville for a shootout with Vandallia on Saturday and closes the regular season at Beaumont (Mo.) on Feb. 18.

Grapplers look to make more history

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

With the Warriors advancing as a team to the IHSA sectional and also advancing all 13 of their wrestlers, Mike Garland's young squad could add even more to the school's already rich wrestling history.

Concerning that history, here are the answers to last week's wrestling quiz:

1. Leon Mullen (2nd in 1937 at 95 pounds) was the first GCHS wrestler to place in the state tournament.
2. Bob Bayer (138) was the first warrior to win an individual state championship (1938).
3. Bill "Red" Schmitt was the coach of the 1965 GCHS state team champions.
4. GCHS shared the 1965 state title with Reavis.
5. Bill Fuchs (1965-66-67) and

Dean Perkins (1979-80-81) are the only two Warrior wrestlers to place in three different individual state finals.

6. A total of 13 GCHS wrestlers have placed in at least two individual state finals. Fuchs and Perkins both placed three times. Placing twice were Richard Bledsoe (1963-65), Buddy Felcher (61-62), Jack Fricker (39-41), Charles McDonald (41-42), Charles Merzian (45-46), George Nemeth (57-58), John Niebur (72-74), Harold Ritchie (48-49), Mike Starko (40-41), Doug Wilson (71-72) and Wayne Ziegler (39-41).

7. No individual state champions wrestled for the 1965 GCHS team state champions.

8. John Venne (1996) was the last Warrior wrestler to win an individual state championship.

9. Four Warriors placed at the individual state tournament in 1965: the team tournament was canceled. The four were Tony Buchek (2nd at 171), Tim Fulkerson (4th at 112), Chris Janek (6th at 275) and T.J. Slater (1st at 130).

10. Frovigno beat GCHS 52-41 in Champaign in the state final.

How did you do? Last week's contest was won by Hannah Wilson of Granite City, who scored 8 1/2 out of a possible 10 points, to reign as Granite City's resident high school wrestling expert. Be watching for basketball trivia soon.

Stats 'n stuff

Prep basketball

CLASS AA BOYS

Collinsville Sectional
Alton, Belleville East, Belleville West, Cahokia, Chatham Glenwood, Civic Memorial, Collinsville, East St. Louis, East St. Louis Lincoln, Edwardsville, Granite City, Jacksonville, Jerseyville, Taylorville, Waterloo.

Salem Sectional

Carbondale, Centralia, Charleston, Effingham, Highland, Marion, Mascoutah, Mattoon, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Vernon, Murphysboro, O'Fallon, Paris, Salem, Triad.

Opening rounds of sectionals will be played March 3, with regional semifinal games March 4-5. Regional championship games are March 7. Games will be played on the home courts of the higher-seeded teams. The sectional semifinals and finals will be March 11-12 and 14.

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Collinsville Sectional winner vs. Salem Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament

Friday, March 21
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 1: Evanston Super-Sectional winner vs. Moline Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Carbondale Super-Sectional winner vs. DeKalb Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.
Game 3: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Hinsdale Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.
Game 4: Chicago Public League winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 8:15 p.m.

CLASS A BOYS

Wesclyn Regional

Monday, Feb. 24
Game 1: Madison vs. Lovejoy, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Game 2: Althoff vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.
Game 3: Freeburg vs. Wesclyn, 6 p.m.
Game 4: Venice vs. Dupu, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 28
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 6 p.m.
Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Win-

ner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 29
Title: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Vandalia Sectional

Tuesday, March 4
Game 1: Wesclyn Regional winner vs. Greenville Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 5
Game 2: Altamont Regional winner vs. Hillsboro Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Charleston Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 11
Olney East Regional Sectional winner vs. Vandalia Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Columbia Regional
Monday, Feb. 24
Game 1: Red Bud vs. New Athens, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Game 2: Columbia vs. Marissa, 6 p.m.
Game 3: Sparta vs. Valmeyer, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26
Game 4: Gibault vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.
Game 5: Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 29
Title: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville Sectional
Tuesday, March 4
Game 1: Woodlawn Regional winner vs. Carlyle Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5
Game 2: Campbell Hill Trico Regional winner vs. Columbia Regional winner, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7
Championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Carbondale Super-Sectional
Tuesday, March 11
Eldorado Sectional winner vs. Nashville Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament
Friday, March 14
At Carver Arena, Peoria Civic Center
Game 1: DeKalb Super-Sectional



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Granite City's Dustin Brewer and Jeff Hoening defend inside.

winner vs. Carbondale Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Charleston Super-Sectional winner vs. Normal Super-Sectional winner, 1:45 p.m.
Game 3: Rock Island Super-Sectional winner vs. Kankakee Super-Sectional winner, 6:45 p.m.
Game 4: Decatur Super-Sectional winner vs. Macomb Super-Sectional winner, 8:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 15
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

Game 3: East St. Louis Lincoln (4) vs. Alton (13), 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: Edwardsville (5) vs. Cahokia (12), 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Game 5: Belleville East (2) vs. Granite City (13), 7:30 p.m.
Game 6: Belleville West (7) vs. Chatham Glenwood (10), 7:30 p.m.
Game 7: Jerseyville (3) vs. East St. Louis (14), 7:30 p.m.
Game 8: O'Fallon (6) vs. Jacksonville (11), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20
Game 9: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Game 10: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Game 11: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 24
at Belleville East High School
Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Title: Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Salem Super-Sectional
Monday, March 3
Belleville East Sectional winner vs. Mt. Vernon Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

State tournament
Friday, March 7
At Redbird Arena
Game 1: DeKalb Super-Sectional winner vs. New Lenox Lincoln-Way Super-Sectional winner, 12:15 p.m.
Game 2: Aurora East Super-Sectional winner vs. Summit Argo Super-Sectional winner, 6:30 p.m.

Game 3: Chicago Public League winner vs. Lincoln Super-Sectional winner, 8 p.m.
Saturday, March 8
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11:15 a.m.

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 12:45 p.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 6:45 p.m.
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CLASS AA GIRLS

Belleville East Sectional
Monday, Feb. 17
Game 1: Taylorville (1), bye
Game 2: Civic Memorial (8) vs. Collinsville (9), 7:30 p.m.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. DeSmet (22-1).....	70
2. Belleville East (18-3).....	61
3. CBC (16-4).....	58
4. Vashon (16-2).....	46
5. Parkway Central (19-4).....	34
6. Hazelwood East (17-3).....	30
7. Lafayette (18-4).....	30
8. DeSoto (19-3).....	19
9. Edwardsville (17-2).....	17
10. Riverview Gardens (12-7).....	6

SMALL SCHOOLS

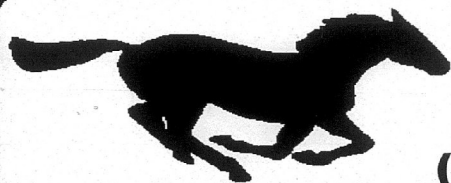
1. Madison (16-0).....	69
2. South County Tech (15-0).....	63
3. John Burroughs (15-3).....	56
4. Freeburg (15-6).....	43
5. Venie (13-7).....	41
6. Columbia (15-5).....	30
7. Festus (16-4).....	27
8. Rosary (13-6).....	22
9. M.E. Lutheran (15-3).....	11
10. Crystal City (10-7).....	7

Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Feb. 12

Team (Last week's rank).....	Votes
1. St. Charles West (1).....	69
2. Granite City (3).....	57
3. Francis Howell (5).....	56
4. Fox (4).....	53
5. Oakville (2).....	46
6. McCluer (8).....	27
7. Parkway South (7).....	25
8. Edwardsville (6).....	19
9. Lindbergh (10).....	13
10. Belleville West (*).....	10

Also receiving votes: Hazelwood Central, Collinsville, Francis Howell North, Ritenour, Fort Zumwalt North, CBC, Vianney, DeSmet.



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Boys and girls ages 4-19 are eligible. For more information, call Dave at 931-3690.

Park league sign-ups
The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball this summer.

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be ages 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them in a team.

Boys and girls tee-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball for ages 8-16 and ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are also used by managers of existing teams that need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball team may visit the Wilson

Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3669.

Cougars tourney
The Florissant Cougars annual soccer tournament will be held Feb. 17-March 2 at the Jamestown Sports Complex. The competition is for boys and girls K1 through U-18.

For entry information, call Jim Pool at (314) 831-2640 or Jeff Schilly at (314) 831-2386. The deadline for registration is Feb. 1.

"RJ" Krause All-Stars
The "RJ" Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball games and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits, used basketball shoes, sports magazines, books, games or trading cards. For more information, call Krause at 398-1201.

All-star tryouts
The St. Louis International Youth Baseball Association will select an all-star team to play baseball in Australia in March 1997. The team is open to boys born March 30, 1985, or later.

For more information, call Al Bond at (314) 845-3032.

Softball tournament
The spring session of the Budweiser Flag Football League is now forming. Play begins in late March and ends in early May.

Cash prizes will be paid to the top five finishers. Space is limited and the league is filling fast. For more information, call 277-4090.

The St. Louis Girl's Fastpitch Spring Softball Tournament will be held April 18-20 by the Creve Coeur (Mo.) Athletic Association. There is a 4-game guarantee.

The entry fee for age groups 10-18 is \$150. For more information, call Mike (532-3218) or John (527-6604).

Baseball tournament
Chesterfield (Mo.) Community Association is accepting registration for its Independence Day holiday baseball tournament, to be held Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6.

This is an open tournament limited to 16 teams at each of three levels: Atom 2, Bantam 2 and Midget 2. There is a three-game guarantee.

The team entry fee is \$110. Call Mike Cremer at (314) 519-9830 or Joe Maas at (314) 458-8827.

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•Match

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But, GCHS coach Mike Garland had insisted on all along that the pressure was on the Eagles and that unless the favorites made some adjustments, his Warriors would win. In the end, he was proved right.

Without state rank, the meadow would have come down to the Jonas Janek-Brad Becker match at 145 pounds. CM held a 25-24 edge in the other 12 matches and Brad Becker was ahead 4-3 when referee Steve Koch declared a default.

At the time, Janek had the momentum, fighting back from a 4-1 first-period deficit. It would have been close. But the default ended the drama and the Warriors had the upset.

The bigger upset came earlier in the match. Even more impressive than the Warriors' team win was Brooks Narvaez's upset state-ranked Jake Sullivan (35-2) in the 140-pound class.

Narvaez led all the way in the 140-pound class, winning 10-0 in the first period and 8-5 after two and held on for a 14-12 win. The GCHS bench erupted when the final horn sounded.

"What a match! What an upset!" said a pumped Garland. "Sullivan is probably the best wrestler in this half of the state. He's a very tough kid. For Narvaez to respond like that is good motivation for the sectional."

The biggest upset, however, may have belonged to CM. If the word is "upset," the definition is Steve Bradley. The CM coach was adamant after the outcome.

"It wasn't a slam," he said forcibly. "I've never seen a slam called in AA competition."

Bradley on the call: "Telling a wrestler to put down a (wrestler) easily when he's in the process of throwing him to the floor is like telling a kid in a football game, who is halfway through his tackle, to stop his momentum."

Bradley on the referee: "The guy stole a chance to go to state from a bunch of guys who worked their rear ends off. That's a shame. And he won't even admit it."

Bradley on the future: "We'll appeal the decision. We're not going to win our appeal, but we're going to try."

But Bradley was no more upset than Garland would probably have been if the situation were reversed. To his credit, the CM coach praised both Garland and the GCHS wrestlers.

"I congratulate Granite City," he said. "Their kids were tremendous. They wrestled hard. Mike and his kids did nothing wrong. They didn't make the call, and I wish them the very best at the sectional."

•Wrestlers

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spasms. He was eventually fitted with a neck brace, placed on a spinal board and stretcher and taken by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was treated, given pain medication and released with the word he would be fine.

Koch stated that Becker was still holding Janek and had not yet started to throw him to the mat. "I warned him," he said, "but he didn't comply." Koch did not hesitate to make the call.

GCHS coach Mike Garland said simply, "It was one of those judgment calls. I was assuming (Janek) was going to get up and continue. I've never had a kid, in all the years I've coached wrestling, hauled off in an ambulance."

The drama overshadowed an exceptional meet in which both squads wrestled well and evenly.

In the 160-pound weight class, which opened the competition, CM's Travis Zimmerman pinned Ike Newman at 2:16. Undefeated Jason Christensen followed with a strong 16-5 win over George Kirgan.

Kevin Venne of GCHS was dominant in the 183 technical fall win over Kyle Arakaki at 1:59. Warrior heavyweight Nick Roettgers at 3:01.

Perhaps the most intense match of the meet was in the 103-pound weight class, where once-beaten Steve Bryant of CM edged Gary Oxford 2-0 on a status-period score.

And in a match marred by numerous stops for blood and injuries, Granite City's Adam Dunnivant defeated Sam She-

ley 11-2 at 112.

GCHS 119-pounder Mike Glover fought a superb third period against Ryan Voyles to win 10-5 after a 4-4 second-period tie. And CM's J.C. Cox edged John Kelly 5-4 at 128 pounds.

Matt Werner responded for the Warriors when he shoved aside Pat Crader 11-6 at 130. CM's Ike Sullivan smoked Ryan Worthen 18-3 at 135 pounds. And, in what turned out to be a meaningless match to end the meet, David Thompson of GCHS fell to Tim Walker 15-6 at 152.

The biggest upset of the meet occurred at 140 pounds when Brad Narvaez withstood a late rally by highly regarded Jake Sullivan to win a close 14-12 decision.

Garland was soaking in the win following the match, but his thoughts were on Jonas Janek.

"I'd trade in this regional plaque for Jonas Janek," he said. "We may lose him for the season. I'd rather have Jonas Janek than this championship."

But the GCHS coach was pleased with his team's performance.

"Win or lose, I thought my kids wrestled very, very hard and very, very tough," Garland said. "I'm proud of my kids."

GCHS and CM both now prepare for the Granite City Class AA individual sectional Friday and Saturday. Sessions begin 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday.

With Tuesday's win, the Warriors advance to the IHSA dual team sectional Feb. 25, also in Granite City.

•Sectional

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Phillip Pixley awaiting the winner. Civic Memorial's Ike Sullivan (36-2) should capture the title at 135 pounds.

Jake Sullivan (35-3) was the odds-on favorite to make state at 140 pounds. But a Tuesday night upset at the hands of Brooks Narvaez (14-12) opens up the weight bracket.

Narvaez (26-7) could face Sullivan in the finals, providing he gets by Brad Rodgers (Mascoutah), regional champ Jason Dowdy (O'Fallon) and, probably, Springfield Southeast's Andy Jennings.

Jonas Janek (35-8) is a question mark for GCHS at 145. He won his match against Brad Becker of Civic Memorial at the team regional finals on an injury default. Though not seriously hurt, Janek may not be at full strength by Friday. But if he is, he could win it all.

A championship revenge match, though unlikely, could shape up as Janek and Becker are in separate brackets.

Clint Freitag of Edwardsville, Jesse Caraway of Mur-

physboro, Jake Wear of Quincy and Tim Walker of Civic Memorial head the parade at 152 pounds. Granite City's David Thompson finds himself in the same bracket with Caraway and Walker, and that could pose problems. But if Thompson (34-9) is focused, he could cause his own.

Travis Zimmerman is the top pick at 160. The CM senior (36-3) dominated and then pinned Ike Newman of GCHS to open the regional finals Tuesday. Newman (24-15) landed Saturday's sectional win.

Hale in the first match of the weight class on Friday.

If we wins, he faces Triad's tough Jason Pratt. Greg Miller of Marion and Mark Hickey of Quincy also come in with byes after regional wins.

In a mainliner at 171 pounds, Jason Christensen (30-0) of CM should dominate. George Kirgan (33-10) of GCHS could get a third try at Christensen if he can get by the likes of Taylorville's Mike Repschke and Belleville West's Ken Otten. Christensen should easily dispose of Murphysboro's Nick Gramann in the semis.

Kevin Venne (30-7) is on a roll and could find himself wrestling at Champaign for a place in the IHSA individual finals. Venne's first-round bye will put him up against Kenny Lutz of Collinsville or Nathan Hawkins of Centralia in the quarterfinals.

Luke Moore of Triad, Matt Thompson of Mt. Carmel and Tyler Partridge of Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin are the other regional winners with opening-round byes.

Nick Campbell will meet either Wilson Moore (Murphysboro) or Mike Nelson (Springfield Southeast) in the second round. The 28-12 heavyweight could collide with Belleville West's B. Berlesman in the semifinals and, possibly, Jesse Anderson of Mt. Carmel or A.J. Akers of Springfield Lanphier if he reaches the finals.

Matches get under way 6 p.m. Friday at Memorial Gymnasium. Competition continues 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

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Horoscope

Thursday, Feb. 13
Be open to all kinds of influences. Exploring other worlds is where you find fantastic luck. Risk feeling foolish. Under these stars, it's more important to be open-minded than to know it all. Those who are looking for love will find romance under the Leo moon. It's OK if you don't know all the answers. Tomorrow's full moon will reveal more than enough.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You may need a new friend or idea to inspire you to do your best. You are in a sharing mood this afternoon, and Libra is the friendly face of serving of your support. You're better off not trying to reform your love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Dynamic tension motivates you to ask someone out. The arts should appeal to you, and you might try experimenting with something new. There's no reason to panic over a brief separation from someone you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Your self-concept gets a major overhaul. Your kindness has a soothing influence on those who are in emotional pain. Find a social cause you can believe in, and volunteer your time. Money comes later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The light of inner strength is shining more brightly than ever. Stay open to the truth. Attending a cultural event will brighten your outlook. You are much more than your money in the bank. Get perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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an irrevocable inner change. Rather than worry about increasing your income, think of ways to cut down on your overhead. Speak up if you are cornered. Creative ideas need more attention.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13)
Work on expressing your many-faceted personality. Romantic success happens when you travel. Publishing, writing, education or promotional work is favored in March. You'll have something major to celebrate in April. It might even be your wedding. Your best signs for marriage are Aquarius or Scorpio. Gain through real estate and family life this summer. Find joys you initiating projects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's worth spending time on the phone to generate new contacts. Don't overreact to a problem as others could sense your uncertainty and take advantage of it. Your mental health is invaluable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your talents are a gold mine for you and everyone else. Give love to yourself. Change can be pleasurable if you focus

on the gains. If others are unwilling to look out for your welfare, then you must do it yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
New life is injected into an old romance. Unconventional love takes more of your time — to your delight. You can make it as a single parent, even if you don't know how yet. Exercise keeps your spirit soaring.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Spending time in a quiet place helps you hear yourself. You have the energy to work very hard to further your interests. Having possessions isn't the problem — it's your attachment to them that's bogging you down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Calm your nerves by getting to the root of tension. Solutions come to you when you're dreaming. You have ideas that can bring a divergent group of people together in harmony. A short trip without the kids is romantic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
People who pressure you are against your better judgment, especially with regard to money. Should be avoided like the plague. Resist the urge to speculate. Someone changes your mind about love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your emotions will be essential to progress. The right friends will bring out the real you. You sense that within the next year, you will be moving. Participation in group activities can provide contacts.

St. E slates 'Beyond Therapy'

A cast of six people in a Christopher Durang comedy has director David Quinn smiling these days at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. After directing two theatrical war horses, Quinn is ready for a breather.

He directed "Man of La Mancha" for "Summer Showbiz '95" and "Midsummers Night's Dream" for the university's regular season for the following spring and was confronted with casts of 25 or more actors in each production. Durang's off-Broadway comedy "Beyond Therapy," with its small cast, is a treat for the director. The performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14, 15, 21 and 22, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, all in the SIUE's Communications Building Theater.

"After those two other big shows, I'm almost relaxing by doing 'Beyond Therapy' with only six people," Quinn said. Then he laughed and said, "But not really. It's still an intense job and one that consumes great amounts of time."

However, more time to spend with each individual performer and I like that," he said. "I'm more able to flesh out the character with each actor and take more time honoring the performances."

Quinn said "Beyond Therapy" is about two people who meet through a personal ad, leading to a neurotic relationship and a hilarious situation, with a satiric comedy about America and its obsession with relationships and therapy.

"Prudence and Bruce are seeking the perfect mate in a fulfilling relationship, but instead they find a bumpy ride on the way to perfection," he said. "Both of them then seek solace with their own therapists."

The play is the playwright's offbeat look — through a sharp comic prism — at neurotic times. It's a skewed take on the mental health profession and the urban myth of therapy. The play is a satire of the "Ghosts" that critics called "a scatty comedy that owes much to the Marx Brothers as to Sigmund Freud."

That's the sort of comedy that Quinn prefers. "I've always been drawn to Durang's wacky sense of humor," he said.

Quinn played the part of Father Donnelly in an Arts and League Players production of Durang's "The Marriage of Bette and Boo" in the late 1980s.

"Beyond Therapy" is a play that works well with the performing students we have here at SIUE. I also think audiences will like this play because they will see themselves in these characters. Even the therapists seem to need some professional help in this play."

The director is excited about working with the cast he has chosen.

"We have an energetic group of talented actors, made up of one junior, three sophomores, a freshman and one alumni, all from the university," Quinn said. "They are eager and enthusiastic about the project, and we're having fun exploring Durang's unique sense of comedy."

"There are some adult themes and language, but I think our audiences will appreciate the way the playwright weaves a human story about the foibles of Americans in our society."

When asked about some of the material in "Beyond Therapy," Quinn pointed out that the satire has a distinct edge.

"We're setting the play in 1981, the year it premiered off-Broadway, because the play works better as a period piece," Quinn said. "There are some 'politically incorrect' themes that just don't ring true for the '90s, but they are perfectly at home in the 'me-decade' of the '80s."

"Hopefully, the costumes and the music will take us back some 15 years and maybe we'll ring a nostalgic note for play-goers."

Tickets for "Beyond Therapy" are \$6; \$4.50 for students, senior citizens and SIUE faculty and staff. This play is not suitable for small children.

For ticket information or to order tickets by telephone, call the SIUE Fine Arts box office at 692-2774.

School gets stamp premier

By Barbara Ponder
Staff writer

The Bridgeway Elementary School in St. Louis is going to have its first day.

The school was selected as a site for the U.S. Postal Service's release of its "Helping Children Learn" commemorative stamp Wednesday.

"We look at this as a real opportunity for our students," said Bridgeway Principal Frank Thovounet, "and it's a chance to develop interest in stamp collecting but also to learn a little bit about the history of the PTA."

The stamp, depicting an adult and child reading together, is a tribute to the thousands of volunteers helping to meet the nation's educational needs.

Those goals are set forth in the "Goals 2000: Education America Act" of 1994, and President Bill Clinton's "America Reads" national literacy campaign, said Jerry Kreienkamp, spokesman for the Postal Service.

Additionally, the stamp's release coincides with the 100th anniversary of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

At Bridgeway, 1135 Oakbury Court, the festivities will begin at 11 a.m. Feb. 18.

A postal station at the school, open to the public until 1:30 p.m., will use a special pictorial cancellation stamp, Thovounet said.

Each Bridgeway student will receive one stamp, courtesy of the school's PTA. The stamps may be framed by the students' invitation then canceled at the postal station.

"(The event) will also be a chance for the students to see how stamps are canceled as

part of the letter-writing process," Thovounet said.

The special cancellation also will be available from the Bridgeway Post Office until March 30.

To order the cancellation stamp, send a self-addressed stamped envelope in a larger envelope to: Helping Children Learn Cancellation, Postmaster, 12255 Natural Bridge Road, Bridgeway, Mo. 63044.

The self-addressed envelope will be returned through the mail to the person who wants the envelope returned under protective cover should include a larger, self-addressed stamped envelope with a return address.

Kreienkamp said two other stamps may be introduced locally this year although plans remain uncertain.

The Postal Service is considering Six Flags Over Mid-America as a possible site for the spring release of a Bugs Bunny stamp. A stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force may be released at Scott Air Force Base, he said.

Kreienkamp said other stamps scheduled for release this year include Humphrey Bogart and Vince Lombardi.

To suggest a subject for a commemorative stamp, send a letter to the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Division, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Room 4474E, Washington, D.C. 20049-4932.

The Postal Service receives about 40,000 suggestions per year so replies take a while, Kreienkamp said.

"If you know of an event in the year 2000," Kreienkamp said, "You need to send it this year — three years in advance of the date."

'Ghosts' fails in courtroom scenes

On a June night 33 years ago, Medgar Evers, a prominent black civil rights leader, pulled into the driveway of his Mississippi home and was gunned down from behind by an assassin with a high-powered rifle.

Gushing blood, he dragged himself to his door, only to die as his wife, Myrlie, and their young children stood helplessly by.

Facts discovered later about the murder weapon and other evidence have convinced a local white supremacist named Byron De la Beckwith. But two white jurors deadlocked at Beckwith was freed.

"Ghosts of Mississippi" advances the story to the late 1980s. It follows the real-life story of a youthful district attorney who, in the name of "exhuming" the case, to bring justice to Evers' widow Myrlie (Whoopi Goldberg) and to exorcise the ghosts of unbridled racism that still hang over the new, "integrated" South.

History has left us with a gripping tale. And producer-director Rob Reiner ("When Harry Met Sally...," "A Few Good Men," "This Is Spinal Tap") deserves a top grade for unimpeachable intentions. His "Ghosts of Mississippi" is a generally competent drama that succeeds as a detective story and a moral fable, one that convincingly answers the question, "Is it ever too late to do

the right thing."

But the film's disappointing courtroom scenes lack any kind of real bite and when it turns to domestic matters, "Ghosts" gets as saccharine and artificial as a made-for-TV movie.

When Assistant District Attorney Bobby DeLoach (Alce Baldwin) first gets the idea that the ancient case can be resurrected, everyone scoffs. Witnesses are dead. Files are long missing. Physical evidence has disappeared. Besides, as his boss, U.S. Attorney Nelson (William H. Macy and Lloyd "Benny" Bennett as himself — are brisk and sharp.

With his boyish mane and eye-crinkling smile, Baldwin is appealing as the idealistic attorney.

Goldberg, swathed in staid

clothing, her wild locks tamed under a heavily lacquered matronly hairstyle, is fine every time she appears as the wry and determined Myrlie Evers, but too often she isn't given enough to do.

The film owes much of its energy to the supercharged performance of James Woods as the unrepentant, arch-rascal De la Beckwith.

The murdered man's sons, Darrell Evers and James Van Evers bring authenticity to the project by portraying themselves. Evers' sister, Reena Evers, appears as a young, blonde, daughter of Martin Luther King, cast as Reena in the film.

The Castle Rock Release runs a little long at 123 minutes. It opens wide Jan. 3.

— Associated Press

Washington University law school has new home

By Kevin Carberry
Staff writer

It was a short move, but a big step.

When the Washington University School of Law relocated in January from Mudd Hall to the new Anheuser-Busch Hall next door on campus, it had a great impact on the institution, a law school official said.

"This makes the law school experience more attractive for students," said Mark Smith, associate dean of the Washington University School of Law. "It should help attract stronger students. We've got a national reputation. This will help us compete with schools of similar status."

Students, faculty and staff celebrated the move to the new building Jan. 10 with a procession of portraits, flags and the school seal. They were accompanied by a baccapier.

Anheuser-Busch Hall was a \$40 million project. It was

designed in collaboration with students, faculty and alumni.

"The main areas of improvement are in the student areas," Smith said.

"The classrooms, the student commons, the courtyard and the study areas are all dramatically better."

Mudd Hall, which had been used as the Washington University law school building for 25 years, will go back to the university for other uses, Smith said.

"Mudd Hall did not function well as a law school," he said.

Anheuser-Busch Hall is five stories tall. It was named in recognition of a significant donation from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation, which was given in honor of retired Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. executive and law school alumnus Fred L. Kuhlmann.

Designed by Hartman-Cox Architects and constructed by McCarthy Co., the new building features computer laboratories, a "courtroom" equipped with sound and visual aids equipment, and an

auditorium.

At 175,000 square feet, Anheuser-Busch Hall is twice the size of Mudd Hall.

"It's a beautiful building," Smith said. "It's got traditional architecture. The building is open to the public."

Smith said that while Mudd Hall was considered a negative in recruiting students, Anheuser-Busch Hall will be a focal point in attracting them.

"We would try to explain away the building when we were at Mudd Hall," he said.

"We don't have to do that anymore. We have this great building."

The building will be officially dedicated next fall. United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is scheduled to attend the event, which will be held Sept. 26.

The Washington University School of Law was founded in 1867. It currently has an enrollment of 636 students.

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Antonovich-Merz

Kimberly Sue Antonovich and Donald E. Merz were married March 16, 1996, at Maryville Assembly of God Church by the Revs. Shane Sauer and Isabell Ankarlo.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Carolyn (Gall) Antonovich of Granite City. A 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and 1993 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, who is currently completing a Masters in Administration. She is employed by Granite City School District No. 9 as a fourth-grade teacher.

The groom is the son of Philip and Shirley Merz of Granite City. A 1986 graduate of Granite City High School, 1993 graduate of St. Louis Community College and a 1996 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, he is employed by Magnetek Electric of St. Louis as a mechanical engineer.

Carolyn Antonovich of Granite City, mother of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Antonovich, sister-in-law of the bride; Cindy Gregory, Ann Deshon, Julie Jones and Gina Deckard, all friends of the bride; and Julie Merz, cousin of the groom.

Phillip Merz of Granite City, father of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen



Mr. and Mrs.
Donald Merz

Kurt Luehmann, Kevin Kohl, Scott Gates, and Bob Lambrecht, all friends of the groom; Russ Schuessler, brother of the groom; and Tony Merz, cousin of the groom. The flower girl was Allison Luehmann, Michael Aaron Antonovich, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Ushers were Michael Jr. and Nicholas Antonovich, both brothers of the bride. A reception was held at Amvets Hall in Madison. The couple now live in Granite City.

Playlet helps CWF celebrate holidays

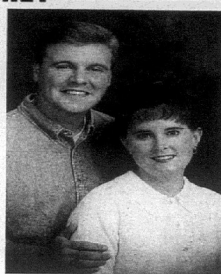
In December the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church held their Christmas meeting with a playlet and communion service.

The program was led by Ruth Leik with Doris Edwards and Lena Seitzer participating in the playlet about the true meaning of Christmas entitled "Simply Joyful." Jo Stephen, Nancy and Ashlee Connolly told of Christmas traditions in their family. Helen Stumpe led the worship and communion service.

Lena Seitzer of C.W.F. and others from Church Women United, served as hostesses and the Hen House Restaurant for a few hours one evening in November. Fifteen percent of the proceeds during those hours was donated to the "Home Ownership Made Easy" project.

Doris Edwards, assisted by Lena Seitzer, was in charge of the auction at the Christmas party of Church Women United. Nine members of C.W.F. attended the party.

Those attending were Doris Edwards, Myra Parish, Mary Lurton, Helen Stumpe, Geneva Butler, Ruth Leik, Margaret Kacora, Doris Edwards, Lena Seitzer, Nancy Connolly, Ashlee Connolly, Jo Stephens, Ruby Hart, Ann Osborn, Lois Bilbrey and Betty Ebrecht.



Lisa Jones
and Greg Davis
Jones-Davis

Lisa Jones, daughter of Jim and Donna Jones of Granite City, and Greg Davis, son of David and Marilyn Davis of Belleville, have announced their engagement.

Jones is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed by Granite City School District No. 9 as a first-grade teacher. Davis, a graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla, is employed by Anheuser-Busch of St. Louis as an electrical engineer.

A May 31 wedding at Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City is being planned.



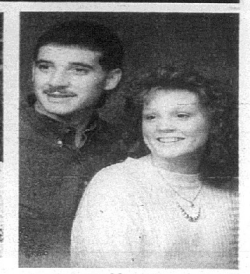
Nisa Kalambaheti
and Thomas Schmiedake
Kalambaheti-Schmedake

Nisa Kalambaheti, daughter of Dr. Kitt and Vivian Kalambaheti of Victor, Iowa, and Thomas Schmiedake, son of James and Barbara Schmiedake of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Kalambaheti of Galesburg, a graduate of Knox College, is employed by King Elementary School in Galesburg as a teacher.

Schmedake, a graduate of Knox College, is attending the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., as a graduate student working on his doctorate in chemistry.

A July 19 wedding at St. Bridget Church in Victor, Iowa, is being planned.



Jennifer Moniz
and Brian Harshany
Moniz-Harshany

Jennifer Moniz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Moniz of Granite City, and Brian Harshany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harshany of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Moniz, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School, is employed by Veterinary Surgical Services of Collinsville as a veterinary technician. She is currently attending Belleville Area College.

Harshany, a 1990 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1995 graduate of SIUE, is employed by Granite City School District No. 9 at Coolidge Middle School as a physical education teacher. An April 4, 1997 wedding in Granite City is being planned.

Jones-Gilmore

Melissa R. Jones and John D. Gilmore were married Aug. 17, 1996, at St. John United Church of Christ in Granite City by the Rev. Allen J. Reiter of St. John United Church of Christ and the Rev. Richard Harmon of First Baptist Church of Mitchell.

The bride is the daughter of Ted and Sandy Jones of Granite City. A 1992 graduate of Granite City High School, she is employed by both Roosevelt Bank and Gilks's \$10 or Less Store in Granite City.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Gwen Gilmore of Granite City. A 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1994 graduate of Belleville Area College with an associate degree in drafting technology, he is employed by Horner/Shiffrin Architectural/Engineering Firm in St. Louis as a CAD technician.

Kelly Jones, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Christy Gilmore, sister of the groom; Gina Harmon of West Virginia, cousin of the bride; and Dawn Jones, sister of the bride. Katelyn McCluskey of Lyn Haven, Fla., cousin of the groom, served as flower girl.

John Jones was the best man. The groomsmen were Jacob Morris, Matthew Costello and Dave Courtis.

Ushers were Steven Jones, brother of the bride, and Mark Begando. Zachary Harmon, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Lisa and Leslie Thompson, cousins of the groom, served as both the candlelighters and guest book attendants. Anna Marie McAteer, cousin of the groom, served as program attendant.

A rehearsal dinner was served to the bridal party and their guests Friday, Aug. 16, at the Ramada Inn Ltd. in Pontoon Beach by the groom's parents, Dennis and Gwen Gilmore.

A wedding reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City.

Following a honeymoon in the Lake of the Ozarks, the couple is residing in Granite City.

The bride is the granddaughter of George and Frances Harmon of the late and Mark Begando of Granite City. The groom is the grandson of Lorraine Gilmore of Collinsville and Bill and Colene McCluskey of Lyn Haven, Fla.

Amy Tadlock on high honor roll

Amy Elizabeth Tadlock of Granite City, a senior at River Bend Christian School in Wood River, has been named to the school's High Honor Roll.

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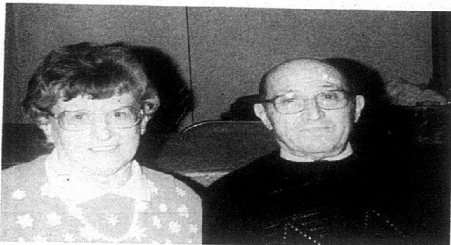
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FAMILY

Young at Heart group will celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Students from the Coolidge Middle School Music Department entertained the Young at Heart members at the Christmas dinner, held Dec. 16.



Mattie and George Sotiroff, Young at Heart members, recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting on Jan. 20 in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by President Irma Manning. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleola Siebert, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecelia Mance, Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovach, reported receiving thank you cards from Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Mary Alice, Sister Mary Angelene and Sister Bernadette.

Thank you cards were also received from Sara Bringer and Bernice Nolan for Christmas bags they received. Friendship chairperson, Mary Rita Ahlers reported sending get well cards to Mary Juhasz and Mary Radick. Sympathy cards were sent to Ann Bucky, due to the death of her son, and Mary Ann Ramsey, due to the death of her mother. George Yevin sent a thank you card for the sympathy card he received from the Young at Heart.

A thank you card was sent to Thomas Mortuary for the small boxes of candy they sent to each member attending the December Christmas party.

Birthdays celebrated in December were Irma Manning and Zita Bequette.

Birthdays celebrated in January were Warren Bequette and John Dezan. Connie McGee, membership chairperson reported 50 members in attendance. Lucille Caban reported a much welcome card was received from Sister Mary Margaret who departed from Holy Family church for a new assignment last May.

Christmas cards were received from Action Charter Bus Line and the Casino Queen.

Irma Manning reported a baby shower will be held at

the February meeting. All items received will be given to the PAC-VAN and Catholic Charities.

Manning also reported the Holy Family Catholic church will conduct a Lenten Mission beginning Sunday, Feb. 16, through Feb. 20. After the mission each evening, refreshments will be served in the church community center.

On Monday, Feb. 17, the Young at Heart members are asked to bring cup cakes.

Attendance prizes were won by Ann Walsh, Sister Jean Patrick, Jan Oberle, Eric Mooshegan, Cleola Siebert and Warren Bequette.

March 17 regular monthly meeting will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner of corn beef and cabbage. Reservations will be taken at the February meeting. This dinner is for paid up members only. Price will be given at the February meeting.

The Young at Heart Members held a Christmas party on Dec. 16 at the church community center.

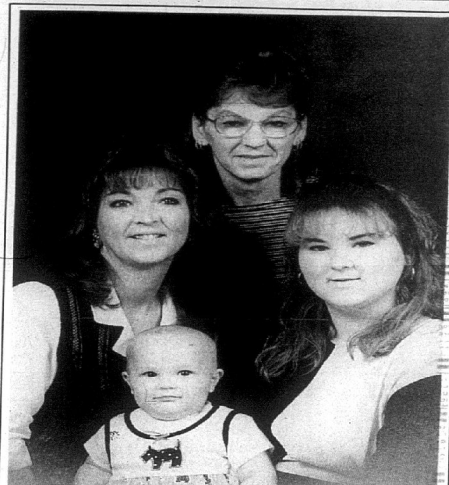
A buffet dinner was served by Jerry's Catering service to 88 members and guests. The following priest and sisters were guests, and were recognized for their contributions to the different parishes: The Rev. Jim Koeder, Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Mary Alice and Sister Bernadette.

Attendance prizes were won by Art Lindner, Helen Noeth, Mary Yevin, Ruth Novachich, Ruth McGee, Mattie Mulinik, Pat Thomas, Margaret Porro, Victoria McQuay, and Mattie Sotiroff.

Members returned their filled gift bags that will be distributed to shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Small boxes of Christmas candy were given to the Young at Heart members attending the Christmas Party by Thomas Mortuary.

The Young at Heart members were entertained by the Coolidge Middle School Music Department of Granite City.



Four generations — Tillie White, 54, great-grandmother; Sharon Wesbrook, 38, grandmother; Crystal Bodi, 19; and her daughter Kaylynn Bodi, 10 months, make up four generations for the family.

Births

Barner
Terry and Fanie Barner of Chesterfield, Mo., have announced the birth of son.

Loren Hamilton was born Sept. 21, 1996, at St. Luke's Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Julie and Al Barner of Granite City.

Witt
Victoria Witt and Phoung Truong of Granite City have announced the birth of a daughter.
Clara Darlene Cara Witt was born Sept. 23, 1996, at 1:15 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis. She weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Anthony and Katrina Witt. Maternal grandparents are Darlene and Ed Witt of St. Louis.

Lidisky
Rick and Beth Lidisky of Belleville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.
Chad Travis was born Sept. 23, 1996, at 10:50 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo. He weighed 8 pounds.
Maternal grandmother is Sandra Chastain of Belleville.

Johnson
Angela Goodman and David Johnson of Belleville have announced the birth of their fifth child, a son.
Jacob Matthew Johnson was born Sept. 24, 1996, at 2:24 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Nicole, 10, Amber, 7, David, 5, and Amanda, 5.

Stokley
Trazarra Stokley of Cahokia has announced the birth of her daughter.

Tremisha Ke-Sha Ilona was born Sept. 25, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and joins Tramelia Na-Shae.

Maternal grandmother is Amelita Stokley of Cahokia.

Fulton
Tina Fulton and Brian Washington Sr. of Cahokia have announced the birth of their child, a daughter.
Taanna Washington was born Sept. 26, 1996 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

Schweinel celebrates 90th

Naomi Schweinel of Granite City celebrated her 90th birthday Nov. 23. She was born in 1906 in Grays Point, Mo., to John and Sophia (Rueter) Dilger.

She has five living children: William Shable of Granite City; Lucille Caban of Granite City; Louise Papa of Madison; Shirley Kingsley of Granite City; and Sylvia Thisis of Granite City; and one deceased daughter, Gloria Shable.

There are 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and one deceased grandson.

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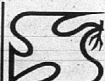
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